

Bid Openings to Toss Quoddy Training Plan Rumpus Over to WAA

By Don S. Warren

A growing rumpus over a plan to convert the ghost town of Passamaquoddy, Me., of ill-fated tidal power project, into a mechanics training center for European refugees will be pelted officially next week into the lap of the War Assets Administration.

Government officials and sponsors of the plan are expected to confer Monday.

Bids are to be opened Tuesday by the WAA for the use of the deserted village, known among the natives as Quoddy, now surplus property awaiting disposal.

One will be a proposal offered by officials of Eastport, Me., of which Quoddy in 1933 became a sudden and costly suburb, to acquire the 200-odd buildings and use them as a training center for displaced persons brought over from the American-occupied zone in Germany. Trained there for six or seven months, the DPs then would be sent to South America for permanent employment. Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil are the countries to which they would be sent.

Backed by Brewster.

This has been backed, in principle at least, by Senator Brewster, Republican of Maine, who on July 3 issued a press release saying that Quoddy Village was about to "be itself into national prominence as a testing laboratory for a humanitarian project."

More recently, controversy was stirred over the plan, when charges arose that it involved something approaching "slave labor" since the DPs would not or could not be paid wages for laboratory training time they spent on menial jobs on farms, in factories or other implements of goods and later sold by affiliated industrial concerns.

Roy Haines, administrative assistant to Senator Brewster, flatly denied the Eastport plan, saying "nothing suggestive of slave labor." He said Senator Brewster's only interest in the plan is that of trying to aid the people of Maine and Eastport.

"There is no idea of slave labor, any more than there could be in anything suggestive of slave labor," he said.

Idea Traced to Union.

He said the suggestion of "slave labor" had been picked up, or made use of by innuendo, from a protest that had been published by an official of the International Machinery Union, against taking of a wage plan for the DP trainees.

Backing the trainee program is Frank Cohen, New York and Philadelphia financier and industrialist, who is a manufacturer of farm tractors and other goods. His Washington representative, active in negotiations with Senator Brewster's office and others here, declared the Eastport plan is entirely humanitarian and entirely non-profit.

"Persons admitted under the temporary six-month visa program would be advised, could be gainfully employed."

The plight of Eastport taxpayers was stressed by Mr. Haines. He said that, when the project to harness the mighty tides of electricity actually was started by President Roosevelt, using Public Works funds, Eastport contributed heavily through the building of connecting roads and sewers and expansion of school and other facilities.

Population Drops.

Mr. Haines recalled that, when Congress in 1933 passed the \$53,000,000 tidal power project, on which nearly \$7,000,000 had been spent, it created "quite a serious situation" for Eastport. That city, he added, later was obliged to call on the State to take over the Quoddy village, which finally was taken over of the "red" by the sale of properties under tax liens.

Once a boom town of 6,500, Eastport now numbers only some 3,400. Mr. Haines was informed.

"The sad plight of Eastport now is worse than it was before," he continued, "because for the last two years its sole industry, the canning of clams, has been shut down."

Closed down in 1938, Quoddy Village later was used for a time by the National Youth Administration as a schooling center, but with the death of NYA it again was deserted. Later, it was taken over as a training base by the Seabees, but that, too, came to an end. When the Navy trainees left, the industrial and housing buildings were stripped of machinery, refrigerators and other equipment.

Costs Cited.

In support of the reconversion plan suggested by Eastport officials, the Washington office of Mr. Cohen said he and his associates operating at the proposed DP training center would have to bear the cost of reconditioning the buildings, their maintenance and meet the costs of the training program.

This agent added it is not planned that any "producing factory" would be activated at Quoddy Village, but that it would be used only to "train" plant. Any returns that might result from the sale of any assembled materials, he added, would be "plowed back into the training project," since the whole plan is predicated on a non-profit basis.

Mr. Cohen was described as a hater of Nazism, fascism and Hitler, and as a man who would be "a very happy man" if even at the cost to him of \$1,000,000 he could help in a moving spirit in a program giving aid to displaced persons who might number eventually between 50,000 and 100,000.

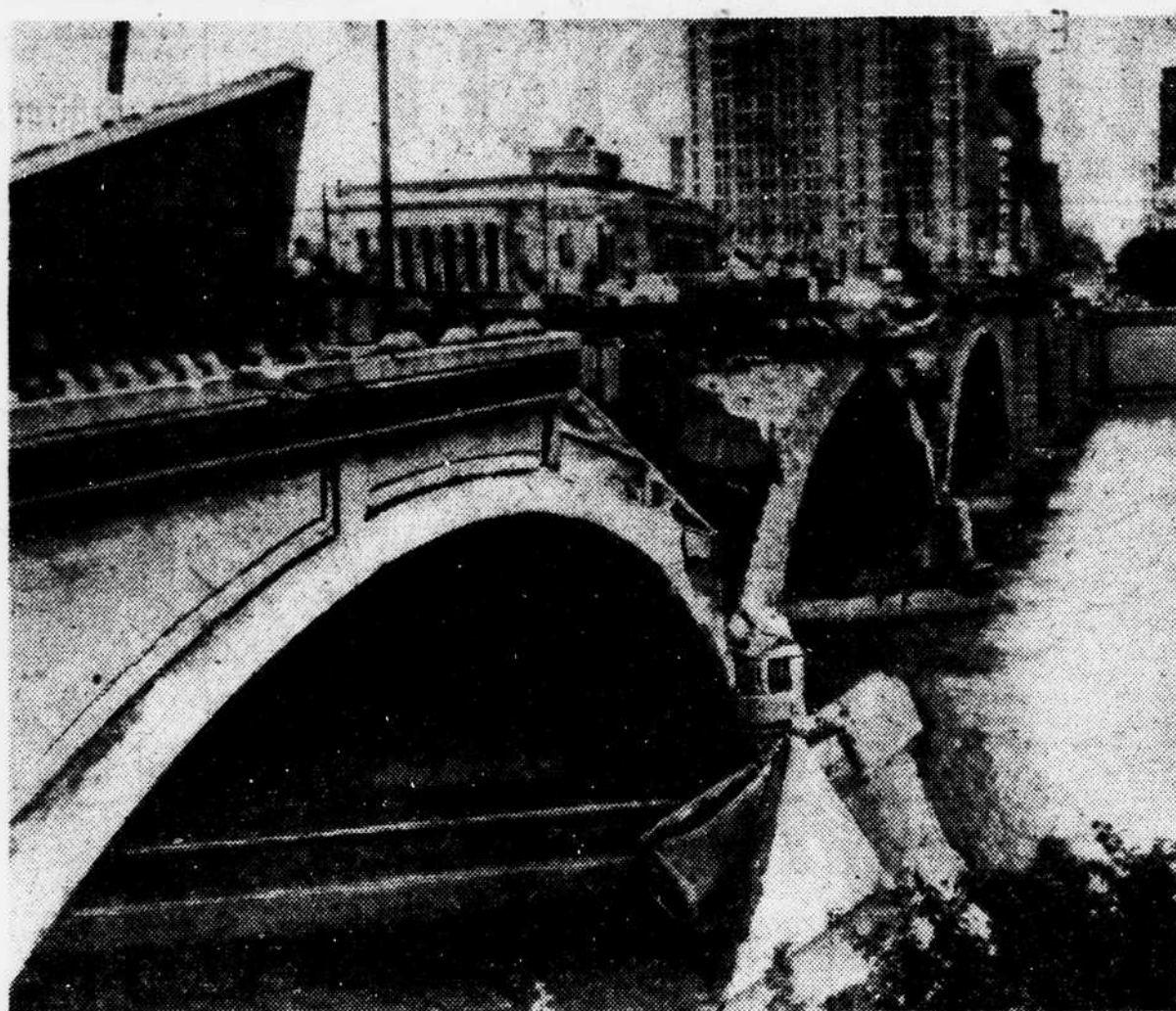
Mr. Cohen, among other business activities, Senator Brewster's office was informed, is chairman of the board of the Empire Tractor Corp. of Philadelphia, which manufactured tanks and munitions during the war, and chairman of the board of the Vulcan Iron Works of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Marine Corps League Plans Ball Next Week

Final judging in a contest to select "Miss Semper Fidelis of Washington" will be held at a ball next Friday in the Shoreham Hotel by the National Capital Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Entry lists were closed Wednesday with a total of 48 contestants. The Washington winner will compete in a national contest to be held in connection with the league's convention in Miami, Fla., from October 7 to 11.

There are 250,000,000 working animals on the world's farms, scientists estimate.



COLUMBUS, OHIO.—SECTION OF BRIDGE DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING.—A large section of the reinforced concrete Broad Street Bridge over the Scioto River in the center of the city was damaged last night when a bolt of lightning struck, injuring four persons. The four were hurled into the river below and rescued quickly. More than 100 feet of the bridge's ballustrade was dropped into the water. Authorities expressed fear that some bodies might be discovered under the debris.

Remodeling to Start On County Building At Bethesda Soon

Remodeling work is expected to begin before the end of this year on the Bethesda County Building, Wesley I. Sauter, Montgomery County commissioner, announced today.

Plans call for more efficient use of available office space and for providing a consolidated police headquarters in the basement, he said.

Now in the blueprint stage, the plans were drawn up by Rinaudot & Mead, Bethesda architects.

"The police now are cramped for space," Mr. Sauter said. "The main police rooms are on the first floor, the jail is in the basement, and the office of the peace is located on the second floor."

New Entrance Planned.

A new entrance will be made along the south side of the building which will lead directly into the basement police headquarters, he said.

The police desk will be near this door. Immediately behind this room will be an office for the commander and behind that will be the captain's office.

Beneath the south end of the courtroom will be a police roll call room, a large locker room which will be located across a central hall from the roll call room.

The jail will be in the front of the basement, along the Montgomery avenue side. In the past there has been no space for women prisoners. Under the new plan there will be a cell large enough for two women. The section for men will be increased to hold six, and three two-man cells.

Special Office for Justice.

A special office for the justice of the peace will be opposite the police offices.

The room on the main floor, which now houses the police desk and office, will be used for an expanded office for the clerk to the county commissioner. The present clerk's office will become one of the offices for the Bethesda commissioner.

On the second floor an addition covering the courtroom will be built, increasing available space by six offices. Here may be located the clerk to the county commissioner, the clerk to the court, the building inspector and other officials.

Church Group Plans Cruise

A moonlight cruise on the steamer Robert E. Lee has been arranged by the Volunteer Club of the Simms Memorial Methodist Church on September 8 for the benefit of the church expansion drive.

Weather Report

District of Columbia.—Continued rather cloudy and humid with a few scattered showers or thunderstorms. Highest temperature about 82. Lowest tonight about 72 and highest tomorrow about 87. Gentle winds mostly northeast.

Virginia and Maryland.—Considerable cloudiness and humid with scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight or tomorrow.

Wind velocity: 4 m.p.h.; direction, east.

District Medical Society.—Ragweed pollen count for 24 hours ending 9:30 a.m. August 22, 18 grains per cubic yard of air—incomplete due to rain.

(From United States Engineers.)
Potomac River muddy at Harpers Ferry and at Great Falls; Shenandoah clear at Jackson's Ferry.

Station	Per Cent	Humidity	Per Cent
Nonn	70	80	75
8 p.m.	73	1:30 p.m.	81

Record Temperatures This Year.
Highest, 95, on August 19.
Lowest, 67, on February 5.
High and Low of Last 24 Hours.
High, 82, at 2 p.m.
Low, 73, at 5:34 a.m.

(Furnished by United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
Sun today: 6:28 a.m. to 6:28 p.m.
Moon today: 1:34 a.m. to 1:34 p.m.
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Precipitation.
Monthly precipitation in inches in the Capital (current month to date):
January: 3.12
February: 1.02
March: 2.45
April: 4.47
May: 6.86
June: 6.86
July: 1.19
August: 1.19
September: 1.19
October: 1.19
November: 1.19
December: 1.19

Temperatures in Various Cities.
Albuquerque 79
Atlantic City 79
Boston 79
Buffalo 79
Chicago 79
Cincinnati 79
Cleveland 79
Dallas 79
Denver 79
Detroit 79
El Paso 79
Harrisburg 79
Houston 79
Kansas City 79
Los Angeles 79
Louisville 79
Miami 79
Milwaukee 79
Minneapolis 79
New Orleans 79
New York 79
Norfolk 79
Ocala 79
Omaha 79
Philadelphia 79
Pittsburgh 79
Portland 79
Reno 79
Salt Lake City 79
San Francisco 79
Seattle 79
St. Louis 79
St. Paul 79
Tampa 79
Tucson 79
Wash. D.C. 79
Wichita 79

Death of Boy, 12, Starts Triple Play In Auto Accidents

By the Associated Press

ST. CHARLES, Va., Aug. 22.—Twelve-year-old Louis Howard ran behind an automobile on the highway near Ewing, Va., into the path of another car yesterday and was killed.

Driving to investigate the fatal accident, State Trooper John S. Boyd's car was struck and suffered a collision with a truck and Trooper Boyd was seriously hurt.

Highway Patrolman J. W. Harrison, called to the scene of Trooper Boyd's crash, was struck and suffered arm and side injuries by a car which apparently went out of control on the wet highway.

Sergeant J. W. Burrow and Trooper Don Riner were called to investigate the three accidents.

Job's Daughters Hold Ball; Couple Crowned

A royal couple from the District was crowned last night during the banquet and ball of the Supreme Guardian Council of the International Order of Job's Daughters at the Mayflower Hotel.

Seventh place N.W., senior princess of the order's Washington Bethel No. 4, received her crown from Mrs. Laura S. Wallace, supreme guardian.

Her royal consort was Clyde E. Smith, Jr., 3350 Erie street S.E., senior counselor of the Anacostia DeMolay, crowned by Adam Trapp, associate supreme guardian.

The two led the grand march opening the ball, which was attended by about 1,500 members of Job's Daughters and their DeMolay escorts.

At a business meeting of the Supreme Council this morning, the following officers were elected: Supreme guardian, Mrs. Leslie Gables, Albuquerque, N. M.; associate supreme guardian, Mrs. Beatrice A. Ross, Portsmouth, Va.; supreme guardian, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Warden, Owosso, Mich.; and supreme treasurer, Max Loewen, St. Louis.

Scheduled for this afternoon is a competitive drill to be held at the Mayflower. Six drill teams, five of them from the District, will compete for prizes. Col. Edwin Bettelheim will preside as judge.

At 8 p.m. a pageant representing the life of George Washington will be given by the organization at the George Washington National Memorial Temple at Shooters Hill, Alexandria, and a gift to the temple will be presented.

K. of C. Convention Asks Steps to Defeat Soviet Aims

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—The national convention of the Knights of Columbus today called on the Government to "take all measures necessary to defeat the aims of Soviet Russia," which it described as an "enemy power aggressively working for destruction of our Nation."

The delegates, in a resolution, accused Russia of using accredited diplomats and others to "undermine liberty here and everywhere on earth."

In other resolutions, the convention supported Archbishop Richard J. Cushing's denunciation of seven Protestant clergymen who reported there was religious freedom in Yugoslavia and deplored the introduction of the issue of "separation of church and state" into the question of "Government aid to parochial schools."

The resolution on Russia said: "Beaheads of corruption and disloyalty have been established among employees of our Government, among the members of our labor unions, among the ranks of American citizens engaged in the practice of the professions and in the education of our children."

Need Is Management, Chiang Reported Told By Gen. Wedemeyer

By the Associated Press

NANKING, Aug. 22.—Chinese sources said today that Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, at a meeting with the state council at Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's home, had told the government's top policymakers that China lacks capable management—not raw materials or resources.

The same sources said Gen. Wedemeyer told the council that China had failed to use fully Chinese resources overseas and added "that had been done," your economic situation today would have been much less serious.

The sources said the meeting said Gen. Chiang expressed China's appreciation for such frank criticism. American Ambassador Dr. Leighton Stuart accompanied Gen. Wedemeyer to the meeting. Virtually all the top leaders in the national government participated.

A mission spokesman said Gen. Wedemeyer entertained high Chinese officials tonight at the American Embassy—the only social function conducted by the fact-finding mission during its visit to China.

The mission leaves Sunday for Tokyo, preliminary to a 10-day inspection of Korea.

Improve Army Courts, Royall Tells Generals

By the Associated Press

Secretary of War Royall last night ordered all commanding generals at home and abroad to improve administration of military justice. He mentioned no specific instances of maladministration.

Mr. Royall said investigation disclosed that "in general, military justice has been well administered."

"However, the system is not perfect and certain corrective measures were indicated as necessary," he said in a letter to top commanders.

The Secretary noted that Congress is being asked to amend some articles of war, but declared that, meanwhile, existing military laws should be better administered.

"In an appreciable number of cases the investigation of charges" has been inadequately conducted, he said, by having inexperienced officers do the investigating.

"Full opportunity to develop the defense has not been extended to the accused in all cases," he continued.

Mr. Royall ordered that trained and matured officers, wherever practicable of the rank of major or above, should be used.

"Investigating officers must understand that their investigations must not only be thorough but impartial," he said.

"Defense counsel detailed for general courts martial have not adequately performed their duties in all cases."

The Secretary reported that junior and inexperienced officers have been assigned to serious cases such as murder, rape and assault.

Red Cross Unit Head Named

Mrs. Craig Hunter of Vienna has been named chairman of the Junior Red Cross for Fairfax County. It was announced by Mrs. David L. Wing, chairman of the county chapter.

\$314,000 Chest Quota Set for 5 Communities Surrounding District

Communities adjacent to Washington have been assigned quotas totaling \$314,000 of the total \$3,900,000 to be sought in this year's campaign of the Community Chest Federation, a survey disclosed today.

Of the five surrounding communities—Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince Georges and Montgomery—Montgomery has been assigned the largest quota.

The county's 1947 drive will seek to raise \$124,000.

The survey also disclosed that each of the suburban areas received far more from last year's drive than they contributed to the chest.

Last Year's Quota \$119,000.

The Montgomery County goal this year compares with the 1946 quota of \$119,000. Of that amount \$118,189 was actually raised in that area. Participating agencies in Montgomery County have been allocated \$138,875 from the chest federation.

In Prince Georges County the goal this year will be \$44,000, which is less than last year's quota but more than the amount actually raised in 1946. At that time the goal was about \$40,800 and the community contributed \$41,816 in the drive.

Participating agencies in Prince Georges already have received \$82,327.40 from the federation and before the year is completed will have received \$91,569.34, officials said.

The final amount of the Fairfax County quota this year has not been determined, George Stewart, executive director for that area, declared.

Residential and commercial areas in the county have been assigned a quota of \$35,000 and approval has been received to canvass Fort Belvoir in the county's quota. The overall figure to be raised this year probably will be about \$43,000, Mr. Stewart said.

Last year the Fairfax goal was \$43,634 and \$41,278.78 of that amount actually was collected. The county, however, added \$51,475 from the chest federation.

Chairman Edmund D. Campbell of the Arlington Chest Federation said the goal there will be \$53,000 compared with a quota of \$60,000 in 1946 and \$50,200 actually contributed. Arlington agency benefits, however, amounted to \$131,300, plus a few increases for isolated agencies.

Mr. Campbell said chest agencies already are operating on a budget which has been "pared to the bone" and that the 1946 goal must be raised if the 125 agencies in the Federation are to carry on their work.

Alexandria Quota \$58,000.

Alexandria's quota is set at \$58,000 this year, according to Albert A. Smoot, president of the chest in that city.

Smoot pointed out the city raised \$52,499 last year while local agencies were allocated approximately \$101,000.

Mr. Smoot emphasized the goal this year is the "rock bottom" minimum necessary for support of affiliated agencies. He expressed the hope the 1947 goal would be exceeded so that agencies could meet fully "the needs of the community in the critical year ahead."

Cuba Probes Alleged Plot For Dominican Invasion

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Aug. 22.—The Dominican Information Bureau said today that Cuban President Grau San Martin had informed Rafael Trujillo he was investigating charges that Cuban revolutionaries were mobilizing in Cuba to invade the Dominican Republic.

The Cuban president's assurances, the information bureau said, were contained in a cable replying to a personal message which Mr. Trujillo had addressed to him 24 hours earlier. Mr. Trujillo had asked that steps be taken to halt the activities of an "international brigade" which he charged was assembling in Cuba for the purpose of trying to overthrow his government.

Cuban officials previously had said that the frequently repeated Dominican charges were unfounded.

Red Magazine by Zhdanov Admonished by Zhdanov

MOSCOW, Aug. 22.—The magazine Culture and Life revealed yesterday that a textbook, "The History of Western European Philosophy," by its editor, George T. Aleksandrov, had been criticized for "serious faults" by Col. Gen. Andrei A. Zhdanov, member of the Politbureau and authoritative spokesman for the Communist party.

Gen. Zhdanov was quoted as declaring Soviet philosophers must "bring an end to the lack of fighting tempo in their work and begin to get down to work like Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin."

The magazine said Mr. Aleksandrov admitted his mistakes and agreed with the criticism.

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Crashes of Thunder Awaken Many District Area Residents

Unusually loud crashes of thunder startled many District area residents from sleep about 4:30 o'clock this morning.

The long roll and reverberation reminded a Montgomery County veteran of the sound of the V-2 bombs dropped on London by the Germans during the war.

Reports of the deafening claps came from residents of the city as well as outlying counties. They were a major topic of conversation.

"I never got out of bed so fast in my life," declared a woman bus passenger.

A nearby Maryland resident said he was convinced a plane had crashed next to his home.

The Weather Bureau said thunder and lightning vary with the intensity of the storm, but this morning's storm was classified only as "moderate."

Thunder is attributed to the vibration set up by the sudden heat and expansion of the air along the path of the lightning, followed by rapid cooling and contraction.

The Weather Bureau predicted continued cloudiness with a few scattered showers or thunderstorms in the area today and tomorrow. The high temperature today was expected to be about 85 degrees.

The peak temperature yesterday was 81 degrees, registered at 3:24 p.m., with the humidity ranging from 91 per cent at 1 a.m. to 68 per cent at 3 p.m.

The Weather Bureau said the average temperature so far this month has been about three degrees higher than usual for August.

Arnold Line Pleads For Prompt Action On Fare Increase

By the Associated Press

The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Coach Co. told the Interstate Commerce Commission today that prompt action is required on its plea for increased passenger fares between Washington and points in Arlington.

"Our financial house is burning down," the company, known as the Arnold Line, said in presenting statistics showing continued deficit operations.

It asked that the commission either approve the general increases which the company proposed earlier this year or limited increases recommended by several weeks ago by a commission examiner, whichever can be made the quicker.

The line originally asked increases of 5 cents for each zone. The examiner recommended that the first zone fare be increased from 10 to 15 cents and 12½ cents if tokens are used, and that the fourth-zone rate be increased from 20 to 25 cents, with other zone rates left unchanged.

The company, replying to opposition to any change filed by the Arlington County Public Utilities Commission, Arlington Bus Riders Association and the County Civic Federation, said increased rates are essential and added in a brief:

"It is perfectly clear that the fare increases recommended by the examiner will not keep the company alive without any increases in wages under the pending 1947 labor contract—and with wage increases—the indicated deficit is between \$160,000 and \$200,000 per year. Even that appraisal of the case must be based on the assumption that there will be no further decline in the growth volume of business."

The company presented a financial statement for the first seven months of 1947 in which it said accounting procedures had been adjusted in accordance with the examiner's suggestions, and showed an operating deficit for the period of \$170,878.14.

The company took note of the Public Utilities Commission criticism of "intraworkship transactions, payments to officers and mainline expense" which the Utilities Commission said are "not essential to economical and efficient management."

Arnold said this criticism apparently overlooks "the fact that the examiner in his proposed report made every conceivable adjustment in the revenue and expenses of the respondent (company) long before he came to the conclusion that a rate increase was necessary under any circumstances."

"Picayune expense items may provide boxcar headlines in some newspapers, but they do not reconcile a 33½ per cent reduction in fares in 1933 and a 200 per cent increase in important operating expenses since 1933. The cost of everything has gone up and there is no reason why anybody should be astonished that the Washington, Virginia & Maryland Coach Co. needs additional revenue."

Calf 'Scramble' Slated

Twenty boys and calves will be set loose in a 60-foot enclosure at the State Fair September 3, and the boys who halter calves will be allowed to keep them.

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Prices Soar on Grains After Corn Outlook Falls to 11-Year Low

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—A heavy buying movement was unleashed in the grain pits today following yesterday's Agriculture Department forecast of the smallest corn crop since 1936, and the prices spurted several cents.

With the single exception of September corn, all contracts of all grains reached new seasonal highs. The high for September oats, \$1.10, was a record for any oats contract. September corn touched its record of \$2.45, made yesterday, but then retreated.

Heavy profit-taking developed on the advance and turnover in all pits was large. Near the end of the first hour wheat was 1½ to 2 cents higher, September, \$2.46½; corn was 2 to 4½ higher; September, \$2.43½, and oats were ¼-1½ higher; September, \$1.09.

Corn Prospects Cut.

The Agriculture Department's corn crop forecast of 2,437,000,000 bushels revealed that the Nation lost corn at a rate of 12,000,000 bushels a day between August 1 and August 15. Projecting that decline over the last seven days, the crop outlook now stands at 2,332,000,000 bushels.

Equally distressing, as far as the corn crop outlook was concerned, was today's weather. There was no rain of consequence in the main corn belt and none predicted for today, tonight, and tomorrow in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

Strength in both wheat and oats also was a reflection of the corn crop's deterioration. It was felt that not only oats, but also wheat would be fed in larger quantities on the farm in view of the high price and small crop of corn.

Even last year, which has been weak for months, showed some firmness in early dealings. Buying was based on the belief that lighter weight hogs will be coming to market as producers will not want to feed corn at the present unfavorable corn-hog feeding ratio.

Meat Shortage Seen.

Yesterday's Agriculture Department report said that unless good rains break the Midwestern heat wave quickly, housewives may as well resign themselves to some meatless menus next summer—and possibly much higher prices for what meat they get.

The report showed that bad weather has cut corn production prospects to the lowest level since the severe drought year of 1936. And this year's corn crop will largely determine the size of the Nation's meat supply in 1948.

The latest estimate did not take into account damage which may have been caused by the hot weather since mid-August, or the possibility that the crop may be of poor feeding and keeping quality. Much of it is due to a cool, wet planting season, the crop will be subject to frost before it has fully matured and dried.

The Government's original corn goal was 3,000,000,000 bushels. And officials here said that around 2,850,000,000 bushels would be needed to maintain meat production near the present high level of 155 pounds a year per capita. The crop last year set a record of 3,287,000,000. The average for the last 10 years was 2,830,000,000.

A crop of the size indicated would cut meat production possibly 15 to 20 pounds a year per person. It nevertheless would still be above the prewar average of 126 pounds.

Welfare Unit Continues Screening of Relief Cases

Case workers of the Department of Public Welfare are continuing their screening of all relief cases to keep within the appropriation granted by Congress last month and to date have suspended, dropped or held up 683 cases.

The department has been ordered to cut the grants in relief to those on the public assistance rolls by \$300,000. It has reviewed 3,714 of the 5,400 cases.</